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MEMORANDUM FOR ICAPS MEMBERS

Subject: IAC Standing Committee

1. You will recall that late in March we seemed to get nowhere about the "procedures" for the IAC Standing Committee, which this Standing Committee wished to formalize in the SANACC manner.

2. No reply has been received to our memo to the Director, dated March 30, so I should think we would now have to consider that these suggestions have died a natural death.

3. Rather than wrangling around the table with the Standing Committee members, I think we might try informally to see if we can attain any results talking over papers with these Standing Committee members rather than around our table and then after discussion, with an adequate application of soft soap, write up a paper in ICAPS and send it around with a voting slip.

4. Let us try this oral work with the Standard Operating Procedures and the Scientific Attache papers which are now in the process of preparation, the first having already received the favorable consideration of CIA and State, and the second one submitted by State now being considered by CIA.

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